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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO US - TOURISM JOURNALIST DOTT. FRANCESCO GALLINA

1. DOTT. FRANCESCO GALLINA, PRESIDENT OF AGRICULTURE- TOURISM COMMITTEE OF ITALIAN TOURISM PRESS ORGANIZATION, ARRIVING BOSTON FOR FIRST VISIT TO UNITED STATES ON SATURDAY, JULY 20. CONSULATE GENERAL REQUESTS THAT CU CONTACT EDWARD J. KING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (TELEPHONE: CODE 617 - 482 - 2930) TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SUITABLE PROGRAM.

2. DETAILS REGARDING VISITOR AS FOLLOWS:

A. NAME: FRANCESCO GALLINA

B. TITLE: DOCTOR

C. PRESENT POSITION: JOURNALIST AND BUSINESSMAN; PRESIDENT, LIONS CLUB OF COSENZA (CALABRIA REGION)

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D. AGE: FIFTY

E. HOME ADDRESS: VIALE ROMA 163; 87100 COSENZA, ITALY

F. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: MINIMAL

G. ARRIVAL: ALITALIA INAUGURAL FLIGHT NO. 624, ARRIVING BOSTON AT 1645 HOURS, SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1974.

H. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS: TICKET PROVIDED BY ALITALIA; OTHER EXPENSES BEING PAID BY DOTT. GALLINA FROM HIS OWN (NOT UNLIMITED) FUNDS.

I. HOTEL IN BOSTON: STATLER-HILTON (JULY 20); LENOX OR PARKER HOUSE (JULY 21 - DEPARTURE)

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J. LENGTH OF STAY: FOUR-SIX DAYS, WITH VISIT TO BOSTON ONLY;

INTERESTED IN VISITING NEW YORK, OTHER POINTS, IF CAN BE ASSISTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

K. PURPOSE OF VISIT: TO WRITE SEVERAL ARTICLES CONCERNING TOURISM IN THE UNITED STATES. ARTICLES UNDEFINED, WITH NUMBER AND CONTENT HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON DEGREE OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED IN U.S.

3. CONSULATE GENERAL REGRETS EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE OF THIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO DOTT. GALLINA. HOWEVER REQUEST THAT CU SOUND OUT MASSPORT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KING REGARDING POSSIBILITY THAT MASSPORT

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COULD BE HELPFUL TO THIS VISITOR, AS KING HAS OFFERED FOR GROUP OF ITALIAN JOURNALISTS PROGRAMMED BY EMBASSY ROME'S VISIT USA COMMITTEE.

(NOTE: VISIT OF DOTT. GALLINA COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THIS SEPTEMBER GROUP.) REQUEST ALSO THAT, IF MASSPORT UNABLE TO ASSIST DOTT. GALLINA CU SEEK TO CONTACT OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO ARRANGE TOURISM INTERVIEWS AND PRIVATE HOST ORGANIZATION IN BOSTON TO ASK THEIR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING ORIENTATION AND HOME HOSPITALITY FOR THIS VISITOR.

4. DOTT. GALLINA HAS LONG BEEN EXCELLENT CONTACT OF USIS AND OF CONSULATE GENERAL AND HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO US ON MANY OCCASIONS. WE AND DOTT. GALLINA WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANY STEPS TAKEN BY DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE HIM A PROFITABLE AND PLEASANT VISIT. HOROWITZ

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